Raw material of Grisofulvin

2491. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of companies, in the country manufacturing the basic raw material of Grisofulvin alongwith their annual production in the last three years ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Grisofulvin is also being imported; if so, the names of the companies who have been given the licences to import this raw material;

(c) total import of this raw material in the last three years and at what prices this raw material was purchased by the licence holder companies together with details thereof year-wise and their source of purchases; and

(d) what is the prevailing price of Grisofulvin tablet available to the customer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) To the extent information is available , M/s Glaxo is the only producer of the bulk drug Griseofulvin in the country and the production of this bulk drug during the last 3 years viz. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 has been 8.65 MT, 12.19 MT and 8.39 MT respectively. As per the Export Import Policy 1992-97, the import of bulk drug, Griseofulvin, is on the Open General Licence and as such no licence is required for its import. As per the information provided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the total import of the bulk drug Griseofulvin during the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 was 11.08 MT, 34.27 MT and 32.06 MT respectively.

(d) The prevailing price of Griseofulvin Tablets are as indicated below :

	Rs.
(1) Griseofulvin Tab 125 mg/10's strip (ceiling pack)	=5.82
(2) Indifulvin DS Tab. 250 mg/10's strip	=9.20
(3) Griseofulvin Tab. 125 mg/10's strip	=4.40

Products of Fact

2492. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the products of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited are in great demand in India and abroad:

(b) if so, the details of ecah such product, its annual production and quantity earmarked for export annually; and

(c) the manner in which the gypsum, a by-product of FACT, is put to use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is engaged in the manufacture of various fertilizers, chemical and Petrochemicals. The production of various items during 1993-94 was as given below :

S. No.	Item	Production (in '000 MT)
1	Ammonium Sulphate	180.7
2	Urea	242.3
3	Factamfos (NP 20 : 20)	564.1
4	Caprolactam	39.7
5	Nitric Acid	3.4
6	Soda Ash	5.1

Except Caprolactam, a petro chemical, which is partly exported, all the other products are sold in the domestic market only. during the year 1993-94, 2804 tonnes of Caprolactam was exported by FACT. The company plans to export 6000 tonnes of Caprolactam during 1994-95.

(c) Phospho gypsum obtained as a by product in the manufacture of phosphoric acid has no use in FACT and has only a limited commercial use. An economically attractive process which can use large quantities of phospho sypsum for the manufacture of other products is yet to be developed. However, small quantities of phospho gypsum are used in the manufacture of partition panels, plaster boards and as a retarder in cement manufacture.